

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The present listing of the claims replaces all past listings of the claims:

**Listing of claims:**

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) Rotary press comprising a plurality of punches arrayed in a circle for rotating about the rotary press,  
each of said punches being an exchangeable punch disposed rotatably about a punch shaft, the punch shaft being secured against rotation with respect to its longitudinal axis,  
a connecting component residing in a circumferential recess of a stem of the punch effecting a rotational connection of the punch with the punch shaft,  
an external component residing substantially externally of the circle, a second zone of the external component residing adjacent the circle,  
a shell surface of the punch comprising a first zone which is engageable with the second zone of the external component, the second zone being fixed with respect to the rotation of the punches about the circle, the first zone and second zone together comprising a means for effecting a force-locking or a positive locking in such a way that the punch receives a turning movement at a defined point of the circle.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) Rotary press according to Claim 1, wherein the shell surface of the punch comprises the first zone for interacting with the second zone of the external component.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) Rotary press according to Claim 1, wherein the external component is separately adjustable and moveable into different, defined points of

the circle, the external component being radially positionable around the circle.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) Rotary press according to Claim 1, wherein the external component has a bearing location which is radially elastic.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) Rotary press according to Claim 1, wherein a seal seals a joint between the punch shaft and the punch.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) Rotary press according to Claim 1, wherein the first zone of the shell surface of the punch interacts with the second zone of the external component is a separated and exchangeable element of the punch.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) Rotary press according to Claims 1, wherein the first and second zones of the shell surface and the external component, respectively, comprise serration or friction surfaces.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) Rotary press according to Claim 7, wherein the serration or friction surfaces are low in mass and elastic in a circumferential direction.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) Rotary press according to Claim 8, wherein the second zone of the external component is an elastically yielding spring element disposed in a movement direction of the punch, such that the elastically yielding spring element can simultaneously absorb an occurring impact energy and, ensure a secure and reliable engagement into the first zone of the shell surface of the punch.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) Rotary press according to Claim 8, wherein the first zone of

the shell surface of the punch comprises a tooth profile adapted to the second zone of the external component.

**Claim 11. (Previously Presented)** Rotary press according to Claim 8, wherein the second zone of the external component comprises at least two spring elements situated one behind the other in movement direction of the punch and arranged in a comb-like manner.

**Claim 12. (Currently Amended)** Rotary press comprising a plurality of dies and a plurality of punches arrayed in a circle for rotating about the rotary press, each of said punches being an exchangeable punch attached to a punch shaft, the punch shaft being secured against rotation with respect to its longitudinal axis, an external component residing substantially externally of the circle, a second zone of the external component residing adjacent the circle,

the dies being trunnion-supported and comprise on their outer sides a first zone which is engageable with the second zone of the external component, the second zone being fixed with respect to the rotation of the punches about the circle, the first zone and the second zone together comprising a means for effecting a force-locking or positive locking, in such a way that the dies receive a rotational movement at a defined point of circle.

**Claim 13. (Original)** Rotary press according to Claim 1, wherein the connecting component is a spring thrust piece.

**Claim 14. (Original)** Rotary press according to Claim 5, wherein the seal is a labyrinth seal.

**Claim 15. (Original) Rotary press according to Claim 10, wherein the tooth profile is a trapezoidal or a saw tooth profile.**